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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FRANGIE

REF: BEIRUT 8713

1. BOUTROS DIB TELEPHONED LATE YESTERDAY, AUGUST 7, TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER (DEPTEL 158958) WAS READ TO CABINET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. CABINET RESPONSE WAS EXCELLENT AND FRANGIE EMPHASIZED THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE TEXT OF THE LETTER. ACTING MINISTER OF INFORMATION RIZK AT THE END OF THE MEETING INDICATED TO PRESS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER REITERATED ASSURANCES AS TO RELATIONS NBETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO PRESERVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE LETTER CONDEMNED ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE THREATENING THIS PEACE AND THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT UNDERLINED THAT A SOLUTION FOR THE CRISIS MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. THE REPLY ALSO INDICATED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE US WITH REGARD TO LEBANON AND THE CONCERN OF THE US TO SEE MIANTAINED THE SOVEREIGNTY AND THE SECURITY OF ITS TERRITORY.

2. ALL PAPERS CARRIED SOTRY IN NUMBER THREE OR FOUR POSITION, HEADLINING NEXON'S ASSURANCES CONCERNING SOVERIEGNTY AND INTERGRITY OF LEBANON. NO REPEAT NO
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